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Soil Conservation Revolving Loan Fund

Purpose and History

The General Assembly created the Soil Conservation Revolving Loan Fund in 1983 with a \$1.0 million appropriation. The Fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation (DSC) within the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs). The Fund allows the DSC to grant zero-interest loans to private landowners for the installation of permanent soil conservation practices. Loan amounts may not exceed \$20,000 and must be repaid in 10 years. Loan repayments are deposited in the Fund to replenish the funds available to other landowners.

During the 2013 Legislative Session, the General Assembly enacted [HF 458](#) (Conservation Cost Share Revolving Loan Fund Act) that made changes to the Fund that included:

- Allowing landowners to borrow funds from the Conservation Practices Revolving Loan Fund for conservation practices that are also being funded with Conservation Cost Share funds.
- Increasing the maximum loan amount from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

The changes were made to encourage landowners to borrow funds from the Conservation Cost Share Revolving Loan Fund.

Funding History

There is no money appropriated from the Fund, as the money is loaned to landowners. The average year-end balance of the Fund for the past 10 years has been \$625,000.

Related Statutes

Iowa Code section [161A.71](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [27—11](#)

More Information

Soil Conservation Revolving Loan Fund: <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/FieldServices/noInterestLoans.asp>

Division of Soil Conservation: <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/soilConservation.asp>

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